## **HOUSE BILL 3101**

## By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 16, Part 3, relative to criminal impersonation.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-301, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:
  - (a) A person commits criminal impersonation who, with intent to injure or defraud another person or with intent to gain access to a person less than eighteen (18) years of age:
    - (1) Assumes a false identity;
    - (2) Pretends to be:
      - (A) A representative of some person or organization; or
      - (B) A member of an organization;
    - (3) Pretends to be an officer or employee of the government; or
    - (4) Pretends to have a handicap or disability.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-301(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and by substituting instead the following:

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(A) Criminal impersonation with intent to injure or defraud another person under subsection (a) is a Class B misdemeanor. However, if the criminal impersonation was committed to falsely obtain a driver license or photo identification license, then the maximum fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be imposed:

(B) Criminal impersonation with intent to gain access to a person less than eighteen (18) years of age under subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor. SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

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